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CABLE LANDING SITES IN THE FAR EAST

This memorandum reports the results of a study made for the purpose of locating, confirming or denying the reported positions of cable landing sites in the Far East area. All available photography covering the reported positions was inspected and the following sites represent those for which substantive remarks can be made.

There are no hard and fast rules for the identification of a cable landing site from photography although there are many characteristic features: beacons, huts, promontories, underwater alignments, poles leading from a point of land, and any or all may be present or absent at a given site. Beacons and huts may vary considerably in appearance. Features of the individual sites are noted in the descriptions which follow:

1. Hai-an-shih (South China Coast)
2. Hai-k'uo (Hainan Island)
3. Shanghai (Pao-Shan)
4. Shanghai (Wosung Cable Depot)
5. Yen-t'ai (Chefoo)
6. Hsing-yu (Ta-lien - Dairen)

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1. HAILAN SHIN (SOUTH CHINA COAST)

Graphics Used:

25X1



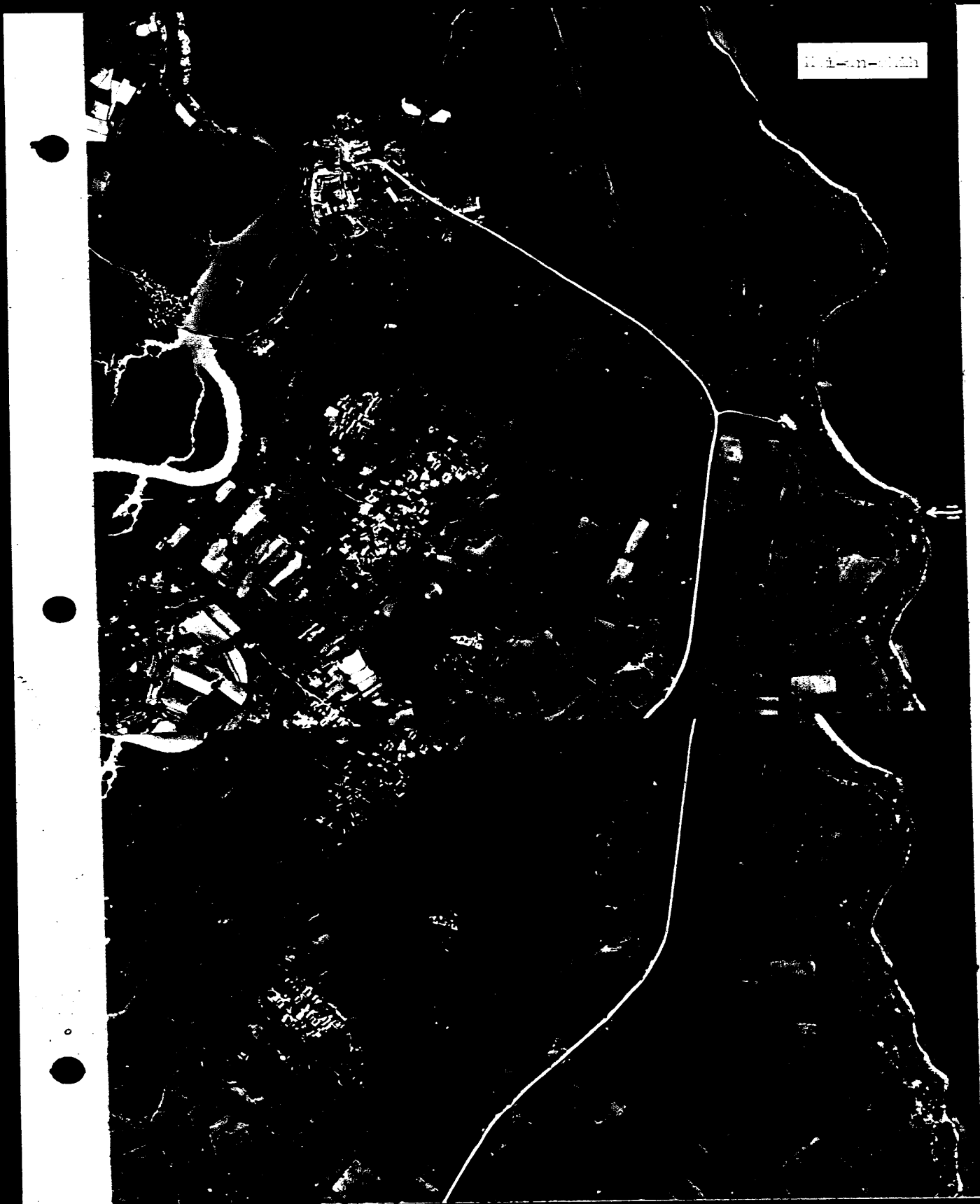
Comment:

The following plate of photography shows the general area of a reported cable landing site. The annotated arrow points to a small isolated structure. It's proximity to the shore, coupled with the total lack of track activity, suggest that this is probably a cable hut.

Evaluation of Identification:

Probable

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SECRET**2. HAIL-K'UO (HAINAN ISLAND)****Graphic Used:**

25X1

Comment:

This site represents the other (southern) terminus of the cable reported landing at Hail-an-shih. The dotted lines annotated on the following plate of photography are parallel to the partially exposed cables. The cables are enclosed in pipe or concrete and can be seen extending some distance into the sea. They probably run underground to a cable hut in the town proper. The annotated arrows indicate the direction of departure of the cables.

Evaluation of Identification:**Probable****SECRET**

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3. SHANGHAI (PAO-SHAN)

Graphics Used:

25X1



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Comment:

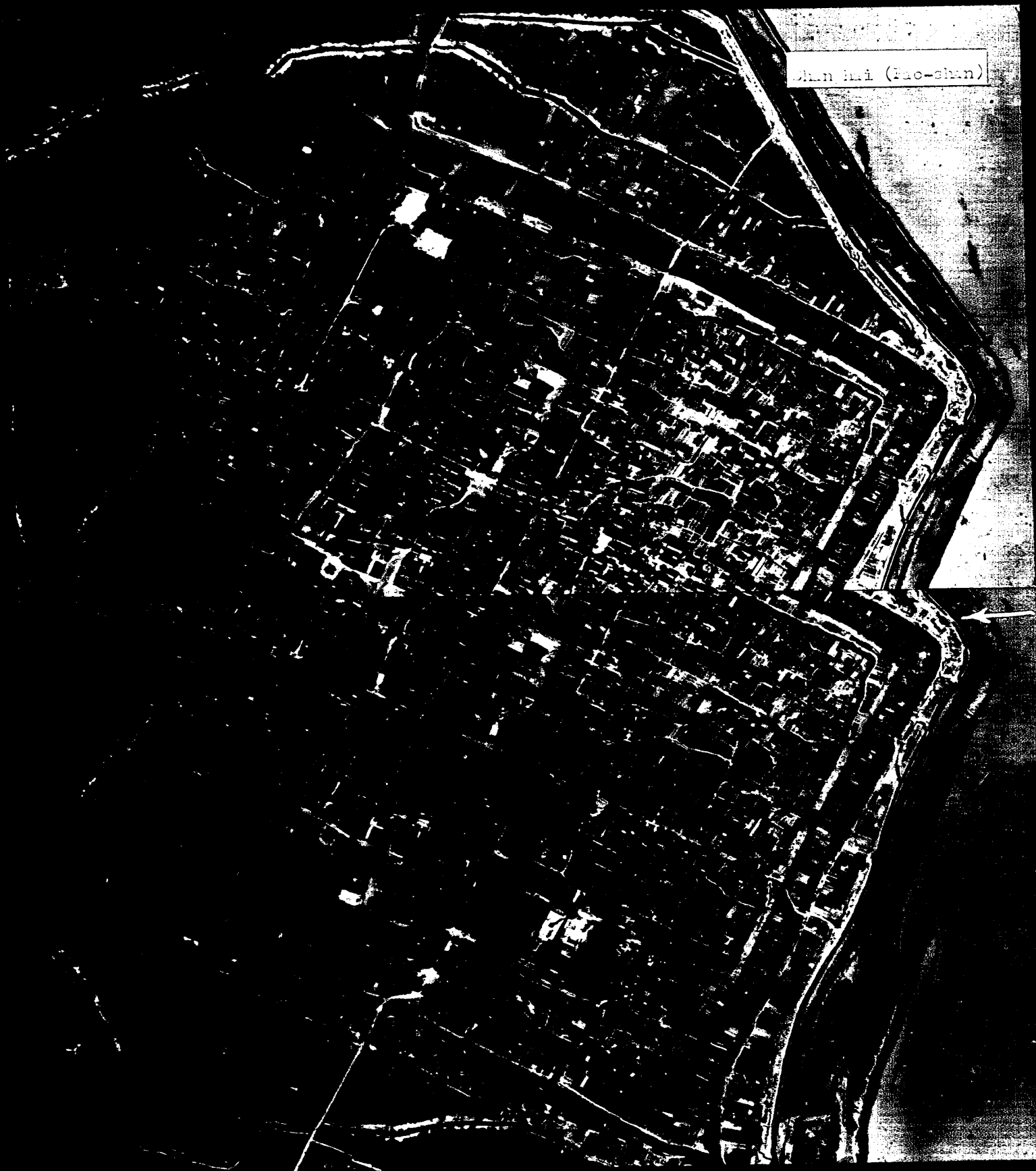
The Telegraph Cables of the World: Part II - Landings.
Published by the Office of Naval Intelligence, 1913,
states as follows "... following the trend of the shore
to Pao-shan Point where the cable hut is located.
... the hut is a short distance above the Chinese fort,
...." The above listed cartographic references confirm
this report.

The reported hut is indicated on the following plate
of stereo photography by an annotated arrow.

Evaluation of Identification:

Confirmed.

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SECRET**4. SHANGHAI (WOOSUNG CABLE DEPOT)****Graphics Used:**


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**Comment:**

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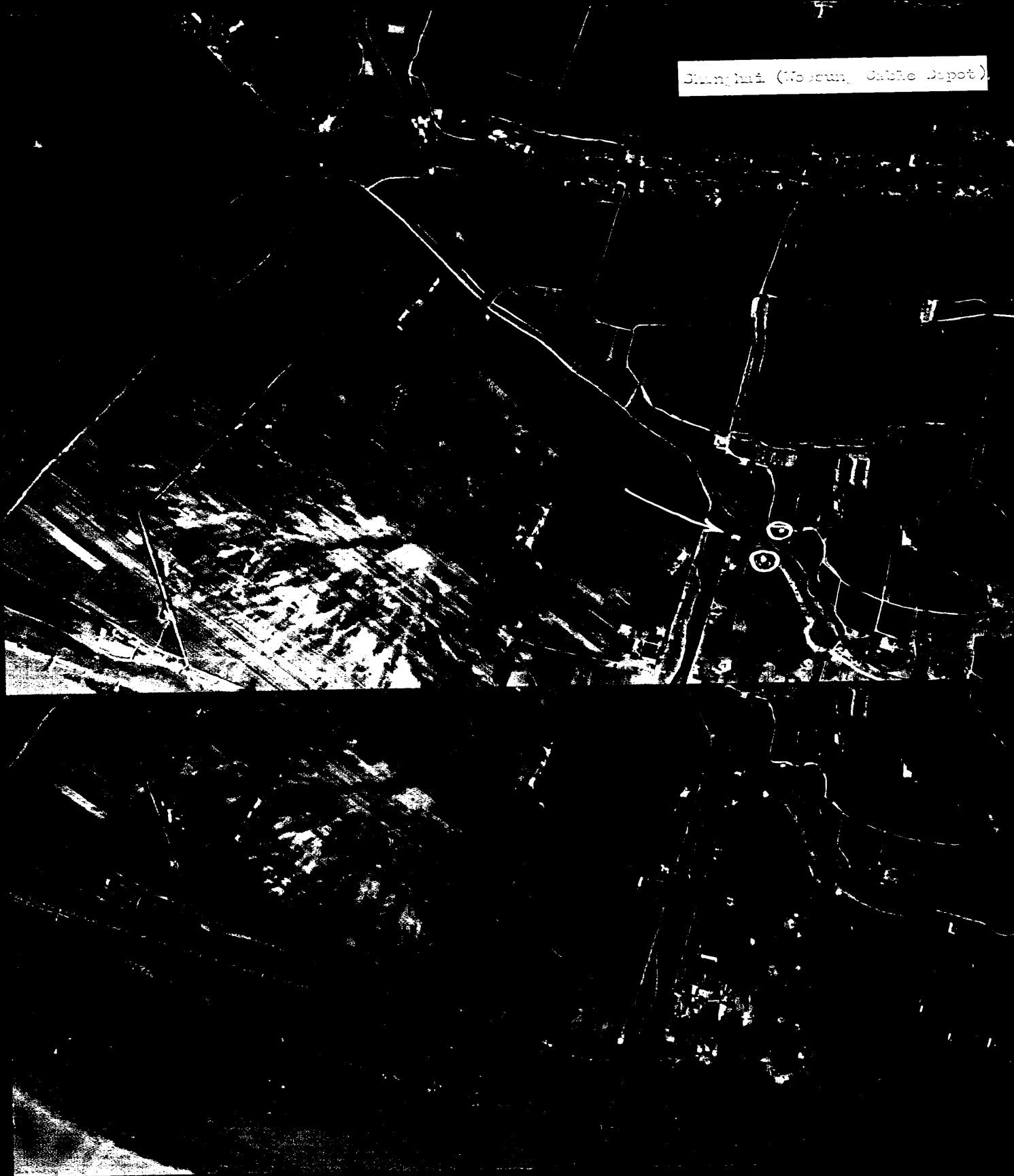
The above listed  both indicate a cable landing on the right bank of the Whangpoo river approximately 1 mile from its mouth.

The following annotated plate of stereo photography shows two probable cable huts at the map indicated site. The arrow indicates the approximate direction of approach of the cables across the tidal flats from the Yangtze River.

Evaluation of Identification:

Confirmed.

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Shanghai (Moscow, Cable Depot)

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5. **YEH-T'AI (CHEFOO)**

Graphics Used:

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Comment:

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A search of the cable landing site area as indicated [redacted] reveals a small white structure separated from all other buildings and adjacent to the shore. This probable cable hut is indicated by the annotated arrow on the following plate of stereo photography.

Evaluation of Identification:

Probable

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6. HSING-FU (TA-LIEN - DAIKIN)

Graphics Used:

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Comment:

A photographic search was made for the cable landing site indicated on the [redacted] referenced above.

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The annotated structure on the following stereo photograph appears to be a small [redacted] windowless cable hut. There seems to be evidence of trenching activity from the hut to the water's edge.

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Evaluation of Identification:

Probable

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Hsing-pu (Ti-lan-wien)

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